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### Ethiopia-Somalia

A 20 December Somali Defense Ministry statement reported that the Ethiopian "Mengistu regime and its allies" launched a "very large land and air attack" along their shared border, according to Mogadishu radio. The radio added the "aggression" resulted in a "crushing and humiliating defeat for the enemy."

### Israeli Coalition Crisis

The coalition crisis has been resolved by an agreement between the Likud, the Alignment, SHAS, and the National Religious Party (NRP) to allocate the Interior Ministry to SHAS and the Religious Affairs portfolio to the NRP, Jerusalem radio announced on 20 December. The agreement came after Likud Knesset MKs had warned the Alignment that the Likud ministers would submit their resignations unless SHAS received a portfolio by 20 December, according to the radio. Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir, the Likud leader, warned that certain ministers are seeking to dissolve the coalition, in a Jerusalem television interview. He also stated that he is "not happy" about Minister 'Ezer Weizman's meetings with Egyptian officials outside the aegis of the Foreign Ministry.

### Lebanon

*Negotiations* — Israeli sources assume that the Israeli-Lebanese talks at Al-Naqurah on 20 December will be a "farewell session" because the Lebanese have "led the talks in circles" and Israel has therefore decided to terminate them, Jerusalem radio reported. The Israeli Government will shortly discuss a unilateral withdrawal coupled with security arrangements that will suit Israel's objectives alone and will not guarantee Lebanon's interests, the radio added. For Lebanon's part, Prime Minister Rashid Karami stressed that Lebanon cannot possibly renounce the principles which constitute the basis of its negotiating position at Al-Naqurah, adding that Lebanon demands Israel's unconditional and complete withdrawal. Karami's remarks were broadcast by Beirut radio following his meeting with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, who had earlier held talks with Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam in Damascus, according to Damascus radio. Khaddam told Murphy that Syria continues to support Lebanon's efforts to expel the Israeli forces from its territory without delay, conditions, or political and military gains, Damascus radio said.

*Security* — The Lebanese Army's 2d Brigade deployed throughout the northern city of Tripoli on 20 December in accordance with the government's security plan, Beirut radio reported. The brigade took up appointed positions without opposition from the armed militias, who disappeared from the streets. Earlier, in a statement broadcast by the radio, Prime Minister Karami announced the Cabinet's intention to begin implementing the coastal road security plan after consultations with a Syrian military delegation. In a related development, the chief of Syrian military intelligence in Lebanon discussed the security plan with officials in Beirut and delivered an "important" message to President Amin al-Jumayyil from Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, the radio noted.

### Libyan Leader in Spain

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi met with Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky at a private house in Mallorca, Madrid radio reported. After the meeting, Gonzalez said he had discussed bilateral relations and the international situation with Al-Qadhdhafi, the radio reported.

### ICO Conference

Speaking at the ICO foreign ministers conference in Sanaa, Kuwait's foreign minister called for condemnation of terrorist groups which use Islamic names when they resort to international terror and hijacking, KUNA reported. In addition to charging Iran with aggression, Iraq's foreign minister welcomed Egypt's presence at the conference, in remarks cited by INA. The Saudi foreign minister appreciated Iraq's readiness to resolve its problems with Iran peacefully and cited "Israeli aggression" as the Arab community's most serious adversity, according to SPA. It is Egypt's goal to have the Palestinian people realize their rights to repatriation, self-determination, and their own state, Egypt's foreign minister declared in remarks described by Cairo radio.

As for Iran, its foreign minister accused the ICO of being "inactive" and completely influenced by the world powers, especially the West, IRNA reported, noting his assertion that Egypt's return to the ICO, and the resumption of diplomatic relations between Egypt and Jordan, Iraq and the United States are part of a policy to gradually remove anti-Zionist feeling among Muslims.

### Iran-Iraq Conflict

Any new Iranian aggression against Iraq will call forth a "violent, comprehensive" attack in which all of Iran's bases of aggression will become targets for Iraq's "superior weapons," an Iraqi military spokesman declared in a statement to INA. To retaliate against aggression and to ward off dangers, Iraq has the right to target any vital spot inside Iran, along its coast, or on the front, the statement asserted.

### Kuwait-USSR

Reporting on talks between Defense Minister Shaykh Salim al-Sabah and Chairman of the USSR Soviet of Nationalities Avgust Voss, Defense Ministry officials cited by KUNA said that Al-Sabah praised the state of military cooperation between the two countries while Voss reaffirmed Moscow's commitment to closer ties with Kuwait. When he conferred with National

Assembly Speaker Muhammad Yusuf al-Adsani, Voss repeated Moscow's call for an international conference on the Middle East crisis and advocated Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, KUNA reported. Al-'Adsani expressed the hope that the Soviet Union would reassess its attitude toward Afghanistan, the agency added. As for economic cooperation, exchange of data and expertise in oil production were emphasized, according to KUNA, but the Soviet side "left no doubt" that its production cannot be linked to the OPEC countries.

**Saudi Arabia**

King Fahd has appointed Prince Sa'ud ibn Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz "vice president" of the Saudi Intelligence Department, SPA reported citing an official announcement in Riyadh.

**Pakistan**

In "inconclusive results" on the referendum vote from 32 districts there was a 64.1 percent turnout of voters, 98.41 percent of whom answered "yes" on the ballot, Karachi radio reported.

Due to the heavy rush of voters, the polling time was extended by 1 hour, the radio claimed, although according to Delhi radio the reports from Pakistan indicated a low turnout. Opposition leaders alleged that there had been extensive vote rigging and ballot stuffing, Delhi radio added.

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### Government Says Human Rights 'Fully Respected'

*LD200716 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] Kabul, December 19, BAKHTAR: The Government of the DRA declares its complete adherence to the decisions of international commission against torture and inhuman excesses endorsed at the 39th session of the UN General Assembly.

This was stated by Hashmat Kaihani the special revolutionary attorney-general of the DRA in an interview with a BAKHTAR correspondent.

In the present day conditions he said, regardless of the continuation of an undeclared war of imperialism against the DRA, launched by imperialism and reaction headed by U.S. imperialism and the export of thousands of armed terrorists to the DRA, revolutionary legality is unswervingly observed and the rights of people are fully respected in Afghanistan. The state of affairs, legal matters and observance of human rights is much better in Afghanistan than in the so-called Western democracies.

H. Kaihani said that after the revolution over 300 legislative documents bracing economic, social and political aspects of life of the people and ensuring the rights and freedoms of citizens have been passed and are in force in Afghanistan. These laws are fully observed by the security organs and the courts of the DRA.

Hashmat Kaihani emphasized that the new legal order in the DRA, [word indistinct] to the law-enforcement agencies the task of undeviatingly ensuring the rights and freedoms of the people.

Pointing to the strict observance of legality in the DRA, he recalled the adjudication of the case of the explosion of a bomb near the terminal of Kabul international airport as an example.

He pointed out that in spite of the numerous letters sent by the majority of people of the country calling for the execution of the accused, the judicial process was carried on strictly from the position of observance of revolutionary legality. Thus one of the accused, who had not reached the legal age, was setenced to a prison term instead of a death sentence demanded so forcefully by country's public opinion.

In all stages of arrest, investigation, and judicial proceedings, rights of the accused are fully respected by the security organs and courts of the country. The offices of the attorney supervise the observance of revolutionary legality during the process of investigation.

The humane nature of the judicial and legal policy of the DRA is reflected not only in the strict observance of democratic legality, but also in the various decrees of the Revolutionary Council, particularly the decree on general amnesty issued by the Revolutionary Council of the DRA. Availing of this humane decree tens of thousand of our decieved compatriots returned to their country again and are now leading a peaceful life.

The organs of state power have provided necessary facilities to these compatriots to ensure normal conditions for their life and work, the special revolutionary attorney general of the DRA concluded.

### Tehran: Rebels Attack Soviet-Afghan Forces

*LD191843 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Reports received from Afghanistan indicate that the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries last week attacked a column of the joint forces of the USSR and the Karmal regime 120 km south of Kabul. They succeeded in destroying 3 armored vehicles and 3 tanks and killing 23 soldiers in that column.

### Karachi: Mujahidin Down Transport Plane

*BK191643 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the mujahidin shot down a transport plane and killed 24 Karmal military officers at the Khairpur cantonment in Paktia Province this month. The mujahidin also attacked mobile forces on the outskirts of Panjwai town and damaged a tank.

### Kabul University Engineering Faculty Closed

*LD191753 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Kabul University's faculty of engineering was closed without any reason being given. The Kabul regime's radio, which announced this report, gave no explanation of the motive behind this decision by the regime ruling Afghanistan. This has taken place at a time when an IRNA dispatch, quoting reliable sources, indicates that a number of that faculty's students who were not prepared to serve in that country's army deserted en masse and joined the ranks of the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries.

**Government Bans Political Activity 22-23 Dec**
*HK201334 Hong Kong AFP in English 1246 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] Dhaka, Dec 20 (AFP) — The Bangladesh Government today promulgated a martial law order banning all political activities in the country Saturday and Sunday an official announcement said here today.

The move was clearly aimed at thwarting a two-day, nationwide general strike called by a federation of workers and employees — the Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) and scheduled to begin Saturday.

The strike call, which had received the support of the country's major opposition political groups and the central students action committee, was aimed at forcing the government to implement different wages and trade union agreements reached between the military regime and the SKOP since late last year.

The Government announcement today said that all political activities, including observance of strike, processions, picketings, holding of public meetings and use of loud speakers this weekend were banned under the martial law order.

In a press statement issued this afternoon, the government asked "all concerned to refrain from activities contrary to the martial law order and warned that violation of the same would be severely dealt with."

Earlier today, opposition sources said that police in Dhaka and other cities had begun arresting opposition party workers here and in other cities who were campaigning for the strike.

The sources said they could not specify exactly how many people had been arrested and added that the police action was a government bid to cripple the strike. No immediate confirmation of the arrests was available. Three-wheeled rickshaws and autorickshaws, which had been frequently seen on the capital's streets with loud speakers calling on the people to follow the strike call over the past few days, had started disappearing since this morning amid rumors of a possible tightening of martial law.

SKOP had accused the government of not implementing an agreement signed last May year [as received] on their 30-point charter of demands regarding better pay and service conditions for workers and employees as well as on trade union rights.

Today's developments came less than a week after military President Hussain Mohammad Ershad pledged to hold general elections next April and a phased withdrawal of martial law.

They also came a day after General Ershad appointed three more ministers including a major general and a former Bangladesh National Party politician in his cabinet.

The two opposition alliances led by Sheikh Hasina Wajed and Begum Khaleda Zia spearheading the 23-month movement against the 33-month old martial law government have rejected Ershad's latest offer on transition to democracy.

## Gandhi Urges Akalis To Renounce Secessionism

*BK200249 Delhi Domestic Service in English*
*1530 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has urged the Akali leaders to come out openly against secessionist and extremist activities. Talking to newsmen in Allahabad today, he said government is committed to providing self-protection to all, particularly the Sikhs.

Earlier, Mr Rajiv Gandhi told newsmen at Amethi that forces of destabilization are still active in the country and have their roots in foreign countries.

## Janata Expresses Concern Over 'Fear Psychosis'

*BK191003 Delhi Domestic Service in English*
*0830 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] The Janata Party leaders, Mr Chandra Shekhar and Mr Morarji Desai, have said that a fear psychosis is being created inthe minds of the people by the talk of a foreign aggression. Addressing a news conference in New Delhi today, they said there may be polarization of forces after the elections and a coalition government may be formed at the center. They alleged that the ruling party is resorting to communal propaganda. They also criticized the government for what they described as its wrong socio-economic and political policies. Referring to the Anandpur Saheb resolution [of Akali Dal], Mr Chandra Shekhar and Mr Morarji Desai, said the whole opposition had rejected it.

### AFP: Zia To Announce Future Political Program

*HK200914 Hong Kong AFP in English 0808 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] Islamabad, Dec 20 (AFP) — President Mohammed Ziaul Haq told a newspaper today that he would soon consult the country's politicians to chalk out a programme for returning Pakistan to democracy, after claiming success in a plebiscite yesterday.

However, in an exclusive interview with the daily *JANG*, General Zia said that those who persistently insisted on negating his programme of Islamic democracy would not be involved in the negotiations.

The general agreed that administrative faults had resulted in many citizens being denied their right to vote, but termed the plebiscite a success.

The mass circulation newspaper said Gen Zia would announce his future political programme in a nationwide broadcast in the next 24 hours.

More than fifty percent of the registered 34 million voters cast their ballot, the first unofficial count released late yesterday said.

However, the figure was disputed by the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) which did not participate in the plebescite called by Gen Zia to confirm his rule for next five years.

Political analysts said the controversy on turnout could continue for some time as there was no way to check the accuracy of the official figures or to verify opposition claims.

The MRD claimed that the lack of public interest and "very low turnout" was a "total disaster' for the military regime, in power since Gen Zia toppled the civilian government of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977.

Mr. Bhutto was hanged in a political murder conspiracy case two years after the coup and the late premier's entire family is in exile.

Campaigning against the referendum was declared a crime punishable by three years imprisonment.

Observers today believed the general would ignore the uncompromising opposition in the country in his future programme. He is also expected to amend the country's constitution, without parliamentary approval.

To damp opposition fears he told the daily that his plans for elections remained unchanged, and would be completed by the end of March.

However, Gen Zia has hinted at a partyless government, with no recognized opposition.

His next move is expected to be announcing an election schedule, and details of who is eligible to stand. He has said candidates must be "Islam-loving people with unblemished character".

### 'Large Number' of Voters Participate in Referendum

*BK191627 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Excerpts] Polling was held in an orderly and peaceful manner for the national referendum, and many people exercised their right to franchise today. Due to the heavy rush of voters, polling time was extended by 1 hour; as a result, polling ended at 1730 instead of 1630. Intense activities were witnessed throughout the day at thousands of polling stations all over the country. As already announced, the "yes" vote will mean that President Mohammad Ziaul Haq will run the administration of the country for 5 more years so that he can continue the process of Islamization.

The results of the referendum will be announced as soon as they are compiled by the Election Commision. The president exercised his vote at a polling station in the Rawalpindi cantonment.

Sind Governor Lieutenant General Jahandad Khan made a 4-hour tour of polling stations in Karachi city and of some rural areas, and inspected voting arrangements there. The voters present at the polling stations gave an enthusiastic and heartfelt welcome to the governor.

In the same manner, a very large number of people cast their votes in Punjab, also. Our Lahore representative says that a large number of people were rushing toward the polling stations to vote as the end of polling was approaching. They were raising slogans in favor of an Islamic system. There are reports of orderly polling from urban and rural areas of various districts including Shahiwal, Okara, Gujarat, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Rawalpindi, Murree, Shekhupura, Kashur, Multan, Fysalabad, Bahawalpur, and Rahimyar Khan. The Punjab governor voted in Lahore and then visited Sarghoda and Attock, where he saw for himself the arrangements at the polling stations.

At least a hundred people demonstrated and tried to obstruct the referendum in Lahore this morning. As this was an illegal assembly and could have disrupted the peace and order in the area, the police dispersed them. No one was arrested.

In the Northwest Frontier Province also, the polling was held in the same enthusiastic manner. Our Peshawar representative reports after visiting a number of polling stations that an unprecedented zeal and enthusiasm was found among the men and women coming to vote and the polling was held in an orderly and peaceful manner.

Newsmen, including foreign journalists, were taken by helicopter to various areas of Punjab to witness voting in progress. One more group of newsmen was taken by helicopter to Sibbi and Qallat in Baluchistan where they witnessed the voting in progress. The Radio Pakistan's representative, who was in the group of media representatives, reports that [words indistinct] and extraordinary enthusiasm was found among the people. The newsmen saw that the people were reaching the polling stations in buses, cars, horse carriages, and other vehicles. When polling started at Qallat the temperature was below freezing, but a large number of people were present at the polling station before the voting actually started.

Displaced persons from Jammu and Kashmir resident in Pakistan also cast their votes as registered voters in the national referendum. The Azad Jammu and Kashmir president, Major General, retired, Abdur Rahman, cast his vote at Jalala.

The highlight of the referendum was the fact that a large number of people belonging to minority communities in all four provinces also exercised their right to vote. There are reports of heavy voting following the extension of the polling deadline.

**98.41 Percent Answer 'Yes'**

*BK200308 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] The 32 districts of which the inconclusive results are announced by the Pakistan Election Commission so far are as follows:

Islamabad, Shekhupura, Bhakkar, Karachi South, Kolu, Kallath, Sukhor, Bahawalnagar, Sidhi, Bekababad, Mansehra, Kohat, Peshawar, Atak, (Hushar), Tarakai, (Layya), Mianwali, (Zhelum), Bannu, Rahimyarkhan, Malakan, Dadu, Jhang, Gawadad, Dera Bugti, (Panchpur), Quetta, Khairpur, Sahiwal, Faisalabad, and Nasirabad.

In these 32 districts, the total number of registered voters is 13,048,230; 8,368,612 votes were polled, or 64.1 percent of the votes. Of these votes, 65,309 votes were rejected. Therefore, 8,303,303 votes were considered. Among these, 8,171,335 voters gave a "yes" answer on the ballot. The answer of 129,505 voters was "no." In these 32 districts, therefore, 98.41 percent of the voters answered "yes."

Inconclusive results started coming after midnight. These were broadcast and telecast by radio and television in the special national programs. The inconclusive results from the rest of the areas will be announced by Radio Pakistan in its special program, which commences at 1000 [0500 GMT].

**Further Results**

*BK200631 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] The Pakistan Election Commission has announced provisional results from four more districts — (Chagi), Larkana, Hyderabad, and Rehari.

In Chagai District the percentage of votes cast was 59.6 percent, out of which 99.5 percent were "yes" votes. In Larkana District, 30.5 percent of total votes were cast and 99.7 percent of voters answered "yes." In Hyderabad District, the percentage of votes cast was 49.6 percent, 96.7 percent of voters answering "yes." In Rehari District, 79.5 percent of people exercised their franchise, and 99.2 percent of voters answered in the affirmative.

The Election Commission declared provisional results from 32 districts this morning as announced earlier.

**More Results Announced**

*BK201038 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] Provisional results from 56 districts and agencies have so far been announced by the Election Commission. These include fresh results of 20 districts and agencies announced since this morning. These are Sanghar, Tharparkar, Thattta, Dera Ismail Khan, (Urakzai) Agency, Karachi East, Karachi West, Badin, Nawabshah, Shikarpur, F.R. Dera Ismail Khan, F. R. Bannu, F.R. Kohat, Khyber Agency, South Waziristan Agency, Bajaur Agency, Mohmand Agency, Kurram Agency, North Waziristan Agency, and F.R. Peshawar. The total number of affirmative votes cast at these places is 2,433,785, that is over 96 percent of the votes polled.

**Delhi Reports Low Turnout**

*BK191605 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] In Pakistan, polling was held today in the national referendum called by President Ziaul Haq. Reports indicate that the turnout was low. The referendum is aimed at seeking a mandate for his Islamic policies and a vote for his continuance in office for another 5 years. The results of the poll are not likely before Saturday.

A REUTER report says troops in full battle dress patrolled the streets in Karachi. The opposition had given a call to the people to boycott the referendum. They described the referendum as a fruad.

Talking to newsmen in Rawalpindi, President Ziaul Haq expressed optimism about the outcome of the referendum. He reiterated that the country will now go to the polls by 23 March.

**Delhi Cites Opposition**

*BK200500 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0245 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] Authorities in Pakistan claim that an overwhelming majority of those who voted in yesterday's referendum have favored the continued rule of President Ziaul Haq. Although the final result is not likely before Saturday, the average turnout in the referendum has been officially put at above 60 percent. Reports from Pakistan, however, indicated low turnout. According to one indication at least half of the 35 million registered voters did not cast their vote. Mr Malik Kasim, coordinator in the Movement for Restoration of Democracy, said in Lahore yesterday that the turnout was only 5 percent in some urban areas. Mr Kasim and other opposition leaders who have called for boycott of the referendum alleged vote rigging and ballot stuffing on a large scale. They also demanded the resignation of President Zia.

In a statement in London Miss Benazir Bhutto said the low turnout at the referendum is a repudiation of President Zia's rule.

## BBC Report on Zia's Remarks 'Atrocious Lie'

*BK200714 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] An official spokesman in Islamabad has described the statement attributed to the president by BBC in its program (Shaharbeen), that 20 to 50 percent of the electorate would vote in the referendum, as totally baseless and mischievous. The actual position is that the president, in reply to a question, said that he was expecting record participation in the referendum. He had said that history has shown that in the past 20 to 50 percent of voters had cast their ballots in referendums. The spokesman said said the BBC has not only misquoted the president, but also completely ignored journalistic norms and perpetrated an atrocious lie. The spokesman added that no BBC correspondent was present on the occasion.

## Chinese-Made MIGs Eyed To Replace F-6's

*GF191432 Lahore JANG in Urdu 13 Dec 84 P 1*

[Text] Pakistan has recently compared the prices of the Chinese-made MIG-21's. According to defense analysts, these aircraft will replace those 150 F-6's which are presently being used by the Pakistan Air Force.

According to an Indian paper, China has offered Pakistan the most modern and sophisticated F-7 aircraft at a much lower price compared to those quoted by the United States and France. In addition to other tactical advantages, the F-7 export model is able to carry infrared or radar-guided missiles. This aircraft can also carry Chinese-made PL-7 missiles.

## SRI LANKA

### Premadasa Assumes Emergency Administration Post

*BK201108 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] Prime Minister R. Premadasa took oath as minister of Emergency Civil Administration before President Jayewardene this morning. The swearing-in ceremony took place at the Ward palace residence of the president.

Emergency Civil Administration is a new ministry. This new ministry will be vested with the task of creating an awareness, alertness, and a sense of urgency in the minds of the people and will mobilize them to protect life and property and maintain essential services. It will take measures to give maximum protection to all vulnerable points. These include highways, bridges, electricity distribution, communications, water, sewage, and similar installations. The security forces, wherever they are deployed, will provide protection at such points.

Another task of this ministry is to draw up and implement a preparedness plan for the maintenance of supplies and services which are considered vital to the community. Maximum vigilance and surveillance will be exercised for the continuous operation of food and fuel supplies, health services, transport, and communications. The ministry will establish district-, divisional-, and village-level committees throughout the island. It will also establish the necessary institutional framework and the lines of command through an Emergency Civil Administration Council at the apex.

### 4 Soldiers Killed, 8 Wounded in Land Mine Blast

*BK191301 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Four Army personnel were killed and 8 injured as a land mine exploded when a convoy of 2 trucks with 25 service personnel was proceeding from Parikrimapura to Pulmoddai. Two of the dead were officers and two were of other ranks. Four terrorists were also killed and two vehicles were badly damaged. This was announced by the secretary of the Ministry of State, B.I. Gunatunga, at the ministry office this evening.

### Delhi: Tamil Militants Arrested in Jaffna

*BK200859 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] In Sri Lanka, security forces arrested more than 1,000 youths in a fresh crackdown against Tamil militants in Jaffna yesterday. According to Jaffna's Citizens' Committee sources, the security forces cordoned off the area and ordered the youths to report to army authorities. A large number of staff of the government hospital are among those arrested during a door-to-door search. Night curfew is imposed in Jaffna and other northern districts and in parts of some eastern districts.

### Cabinet Discusses Kordestan, West Azerbaijan

*LD201027 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi this morning chaired a Cabinet session. In the course of this session, which was also attended by the Interior Ministry political under secretary and governors general of Kordestan and Western Azerbaijan, a comprehensive report on the social, economic, and political situation of these two provinces was presented. In this report, the state organs' remarkable services, which have increased despite the counterrevolution's conspiracies, were discussed. Regarding the situation in the provinces, it was noted that the counterrevolution has lost the support of the people by losing its positions. Despite its strong dependence on the Iraqi Zionist regime and global arrogance, the counterrevolution lost its remaining hopes thanks to the people's cooperation and their presence on the scene, and the economic and cultural services being provided by the state organs in the provinces.

Also during this session, the provinces' officials raised the people's main problems and their difficulties, including deprivation and their suffering under the former regime's policies and the existence of the counterrevolution. In view of the fact that the people have become aware of corruption among the main cadres of the defunct Democrat and Komeleh parties, and in view of the intensification of the Kurdish people's struggle against the counterrevolution, it was agreed that under the existing favorable grounds the government should implement necessary actions in support of the Islamic culture of the Kurdish people in the Western Azerbaijan and Kordestan provinces. Necessary decisions were also adopted at the session on expanding development and economic projects in the region. The government also stressed its unstinting support for actions that would bring the Muslim and selfless Kurdish people further comfort.

### Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,946

*LD191557 Tehran IRNA in English 1541 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Tehran, Dec 19, IRNA — Muslim combatants of Iran rained artillery and mortar fire on Iraqi supply lines and motor columns, interrupting or paralyzing Iraqi troop movements in northwestern fronts during the past 24 hours.

The Joint Staff Communique No 1946 said enemy casualties in the northwest were four dead, seven wounded and one mortar launcher and three bunkers destroyed.

In the western fronts, patrol units of the Islamic Army checked enemy activities, while their support combat units engaged in hit-and-run tactics against the Ba'th forces.

Iranian bombardment of enemy positions in this region, destroyed one enemy base, killing or wounding its personnel.

Meanwhile in the south, the Islamic combatants used defensive tactics while bringing enemy positions under artillery fire.

In the west of the Arvand river seven Iraqi weaponry positions and one observation post were demolished.

The port-city of Abadan was again shelled by the Iraqi forces Tuesday, injuring one civilian and damaging five homes.

### Khamene'i Denies Inciting Fighting in Lebanon

*LD201142 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Dec 84*

[Text] While meeting the imams of the cities of Eastern Azerbaijan and a number of officials from the IRP's bureaus in that provinces' cities on Friday, President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i emphasized the need to safeguard the monolithic unity of the people's strata. He said:

The policy of Islam's enemies and counterrevolution is to sow dissension and keep the people away from their main enemy. Referring to the renewal of the glory and greatness of Islam, the president said: The bosses of the country's former regime specialized in pandering to the superpowers to keep their head high; perhaps, in the eyes of the meek. But today the Islamic Republic of Iran would adopt a much more decisive and crushing attitude toward any country or power which might wish to demonstrate its toughness and bullying to us; such countries would harbor respect for those people whose stance and attitude towards the Islamic Revolution is friendly.

The president added: With regard to the United States and all superpowers in all arenas, we are standing with our heads held high and proudly, and the world marvels at this stance. The greater the propaganda by world arrogance, the stronger becomes the might and toughness of revolution and the order of the Islamic Republic against them. They have now threatened that if Muslims deal a blow at U.S. or Zionist positions in southern Lebanon, they might embark on retaliatory revenge attacks against Iran. The superpowers imagine that the Lebanese nation is being incited by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Of course, the Islamic movement and the anti-Zionist and anti-U.S. stance of the Lebanese nation is supported by the Islamic Republic of Iran, but those who think that a nation can be incited by another regime or system do not know the nations, and have not been able to assess the value of men and the power of the will, resolution, and resistance displayed by the great masses of the people. The Lebanese nation does not need any instigation from the Islamic Republic of Iran; it can act independently.

When we see that the United States begins to threaten the Islamic Republic and the Islamic revolution in the area, we understand that this is the United States' vulnerable spot; this U.S. vulnerability and our invulnerability is because we act in accordance with Islam and have come to realize the truth of Islam.

### Gharazi: Oil Production Cut Might Be Considered

*LD201134 Tehran IRNA in English 1514 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Geneva, Dec 19, IRNA — OPEC ministers met here today to review oil production policies and consider a price hike of 50 cents per barrel on heavy crude oil and a discount on extra-light oil of 25 cents per barrel.

Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi has supported the proposed increase in price of heavy crude oil but opposed the discount on the extra-light crude.

He also said the Islamic Republic produces less than its 2.3 million bpd production quota.

Gharazi said his country would probably consider a cut in its current oil production.

### Gharazi, Nigerian Minister on Need for OPEC Unity

*LD201137 Tehran IRNA in English 1725 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 19, IRNA — Iranian and Nigerian oil ministers emphasised the need for unity in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) when they met for an hour in Geneva Wednesday.

Iran's Mohammad Gharazi said Nigeria should follow Iran in expressing and standing firm on its just policies in the ongoing OPEC ministerial session.

He said Iran's policies in the past few years presents the only possible way to safeguard OPEC's position.

The Nigerian minister, Tamunoemi David-West, said his country was experiencing difficulties because of the low demand for its light crude oil.

He said with an increase in the price of heavy crude, Nigeria could sell its oil at the official OPEC price.

David-West also pledged his country would observe the production quota set by the organisation.

### Trade Talks With ROK Deputy Commerce Minister

*LD201107 Tehran IRNA in English 1736 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Tehran, dec. 19, IRNA — The visiting South Korean Deputy Commerce Minister Kim Chol-su held talks with his Iranian counterpart, 'Abdol-Hoseyn Vahaji, here today on the expansion of commercial cooperation between the two countries.

Vahaji said the volume of Iran's purchases from the South Korea had increased considerably in recent years.

He said both countries should try to strengthen and expand present relations through the exchange of commercial missions and that South Korea should exert efforts to supply Iran with higher quality goods at more reasonable prices.

### Further on Talks

*LD201211 Tehran IRNA in English 1756 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Tehran, Dec 19, IRNA — Minister of Industries Gholam Reza Shafe'i said Iran would be interested in buying electronics, textile and steel products from South Korea if their quality and price met Iranian expectations.

Shafe'i said this in a meeting with the South Korean Deputy Commerce Minister Kim Chol-su wednesday.

He said in return Iran would export raw materials and oil to South Korea.

The visiting Korean official said his country had experience in the mentioned areas and wishes to cooperate with Iran and buy Iranian oil in return.

South Korea would be fully prepared to work with Iran in the transfer of technology, he added.

Kim later met with deputy foreign minister in charge of interaational and economic affairs, Hoseyn Qazempur-Ardabili, and discussed issues of mutual interest with him.

### Envoy Meets With UAE Deputy Prime Minister

*LD201209 Tehran IRNA in English 1554 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Tehran, Dec. 19 IRNA — Iran's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Mahmud Sadat Madar-Shahi, and the U.A.E's deputy prime minister, Shaykh Maktum ibn Rashid al-Maktum, met today and discussed regional developments and issues of mutual interest.

Matters regarding economic ties between the two countries were also raised in the talks and they called for the expansion of brotherly relations.

### Fighting Against 'Zionists' in Lebanon Continues

*LD191926 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] Here is a report on the continuation of the anti-Zionist demonstrations staged by the Muslim people of southern Lebanon.

Despite the terrorist and savage deeds of the Zionist hangmen in the defenseless hamlets and townships in the occupied parts of Lebanon, the glorious, extensive uprising by the Muslims in the southern regions, western Al-Biqa', and Rashayya is continuing in a marvelous and heroic way. During the past 24 hours, too, the militarists of the Zionist regime encircled the townships of Ghaziyah, Sarfad, and the villages of (Bin 'Aful) and Safsafi in the Al-Zahrani region, mounted an assault on the houses of the Muslims and arrested at least 30 pious, jihad-waging young men. However, the rising Muslims of these townships and villages, gathering in the public squares and chanting "God is great" and anti-Zionist slogans, attacked the aggressor troops with stones and sticks. In certain villages, too, the people used burning tires and rocks to block the routes into these villages.

According to reports reaching Beirut, in the course of these confrontations at least three Zionist soldiers were wounded.

In the occupied western Al-Biqa' region, too, the Muslims are confronting the weapons of the Zionist regime barehanded, so much so that in the past few hours an intense confrontation took

place between the inhabitants of the village of Mallulah and enemy troops. The people attacked the Zionists with sticks and stones, and succeeded in wounding four enemy soldiers. A young Muslim girl wielding a knife attacked another enemy soldier and wounded him severely. The people also broke the windows of two military jeeps.

At the same time, supporting the uprising by the people of the occupied regions in Lebanon against the infidel Zionist regime, yesterday the pupils of one of the schools in Ba'alabakk in eastern Lebanon staged a sit-in inside the school. The speakers deemed Islamic resistance as the only path to liberation from the clutches of the Zionists.

This is the Central News Unit, Beirut.

### Clandestine Radio on Guards Commanders' Deaths

*GF191704 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 19 Dec 84*

[Text] According to reports broadcast by local radio stations in Bushehr, Kermanshahr, and Esfahan five commanders of the Guards Corps were buried in these three cities. The local radio stations did not give any news as to how these five commanders of the Guards Corps were killed.

Differences among the guards have increased recently, and even Khomeyni in his meeting with the commander and the minister of the Guards Corps impressed on them that they should mediate among the guards over their disputes.

### Clandestine Broadcast on Tabriz Labor Unrest

*GF191740 (Clandestine) Radio Nejat-e Iran in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Dec 84*

[Summary from poor reception] Labor unrest has engulfed Tabriz and several other Iranian cities. The Khomeyni regime is unable to control this unrest, according to a report by our correspondent who is following the news of spreading strikes in labor organizations and industrial facilities.

The same report adds that the workers of the Tabriz tractor factory kidnapped a factory official named Salmas, "who was forcing them to go to the fronts," and imprisoned him in the factory for hours.

Strikes have also been reported in factories located on the Tehran-Karaj highway and apparently the mullhas have been unable to stop workers from resisting the decaying regime through threats and by resorting to force.

### Clandestine Radio on Antiregime Demonstrations

*GF201136 (Clandestine) Radio Nejat-e Iran in Persian 1630 GMT 18 Dec 84*

[Text] Demonstrations in Borujerd city ended with slogans of "Death to Khomeyni," "Death to the Velayat-e Faqih," and "Death to Jomhur [a member of the Islamic committee]." The Nejat-e Iran correspondent in Borujerd reports that the shameful and immoral actions of the members of the Islamic committees of Borujerd have previously been reported.

Lately, due to widespread trafficking in narcotics in the city, numerous complaints against heroin and opium dealers had been made by families to the disciplinary authorities. As a result, a band of smugglers which had been working in collaboration with Islamic committee officials was unearthed.

Officials of the Borujerd city police over the last 2 weeks had tried to arrest a large number of Islamic committee officials on charges of smuggling narcotics, but met with armed resistance and failed to carry out their mission.

Finally, with the approval of the Islamic court in Borujerd, the guards began arresting members of a number of Borujerd Islamic committees, including a person named Jomhur and his assistant, who was in charge of all Borujerd Islamic committees. Khoemyni Guards, after disarming the members of the Islamic committees and arresting 90 of them, discovered a big haul of narcotics consisting of many kilos of heroin and opium.

Our correspondent adds that upon hearing of the arrests of the Islamic committee members, the residents of Borujerd began to demonstrate in front of the Islamic Guards headquarters and the office of the public prosecutor, chanting the above slogans. It is estimated that more than 1,600 people demonstrated. They marched through the city for about 4 hours, and then headed toward the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Headquarters and Khomeyni's public prosecutor's office.